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## Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Conditions in the salt water fish market were peculiar during the present week, says the Fishing Gazette. It is probably a long time since there has been such a heavy supply of stock in the market; buying so light and conditions so favorable for cheap fish. Bluefish was abundant, one day the supply of stock from Norfolk and the smacks in at the market dock being 1700 barrels. Indications are that this will be a very good year for bluefish and that weakfish will also be received in such large quantities and that prices will continue low.

Boston mackerel sold at 30 cents each on Saturday and Monday and 35 cents during the remainder of the week.

Two and one-half to 6 cents per pound were the figures on haddock. The market opened at 5 to 6 cents and closed at 3 to 4 cents. The lowest prices prevailed on Monday and Tuesday, when sales were made at 2 1-2 to 3 cents per pound.

Hake was low in price during the entire week. Three cents was the quotation on Saturday. During the remainder of the week, sales were made at 2 cents.

The total receipts of cod from the smacks this week was 11,900, landed by five vessels. The Gracie Phillips had 2100; Earl and Nettie, 3100; Ada Bell, 3200; Eleanor Hill, 2100 and Conquest, 2400.

The supply of fresh mackerel in Fulton Market was comparatively light this week. That there will soon be an abundance of the fish, if weather conditions are right, may be judged from the fact that 25 barrels of fresh mackerel were received in the market on Friday, the haul being made off Atlantic City, N. J. The lot came to Wilson & Barry. Two larger lots were also received during the week, one coming to Wilson & Barry and the other to the Galilee Fish Co. They consisted of 30 barrels each. The total receipts in the market on Wednesday were 160 barrels of which 50 barrels went to Boston.

## Valuable Fish Cargo.

The barkentine Fanny Breslau completed her cargo Friday at Halifax and cleared for Santos, Brazil, with 43,580 tubs of codfish, valued at \$43,580, which were loaded by Robin, Jones and Whitman.

## Another Fish Story.

Two voracious citizens of Darby, Pa., watching the recent flood in Darby Creek, saw a four-foot water snake with a six-inch catfish in its mouth. The snake swam to the bank and attempted to swallow the fish, but each time was compelled to disgorge. After watching the snake for five minutes, and seeing it was unable to swallow the fish or disgorge it, the men killed it and found the catfish's horns were firmly imbedded in the snake's throat.

## New Way to Catch Salmon.

A new method of catching salmon will be tried by the crew of the fishing boat Oregonian, which was recently built for the Puget salmon trade. It is planned to take the craft 100 miles out in the ocean where the nets will be set for salmon. The Oregonian was built by the Crawford and Reid Shipbuilding company, and cost the owners \$7,500.

## Diamond in Trout's Stomach.

In the stomach of a speckled trout, cut open to determine what sort of bait the fish were taking, Henry P. Parrot, Homer Musser and Hugo Sillich, of Bellingham, Wash., found a one-karat diamond of the finest water.

## Australia's Fish Imports.

The imports of fish of the commonwealth of Australia for 1910 were \$2,627,414; 1911, \$2,709,818.

## Maine Lobsters in Good Shape.

Not in 20 years have lobsters from the Maine pounds been in such good condition or so large as they are this season. The Lewiston Journal says the cause is found in the severe winter. All the pounds were frozen and the ice on the water was many inches thick. As a result the lobsters were in the dark during the cold months and could not crawl. When they do not crawl they do not fight as much, so they passed the winter quietly and have grown rapidly and are now in the best of condition.

## FREE ENTRY FOR FISH.

## Premier Morris Says This Country Should Give it to Newfoundland.

A Boston despatch to the Halifax Herald states that Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, in an interview given out in Boston, while on his way to Washington, said that in his opinion, the United States government owed it to Newfoundland to place fish on the list of imports free of duty. He said that Newfoundland had removed the duties from many American articles, and that free fish should be granted as a reciprocal matter. He argued that the United States had offered such a concession to Canada, and should do so to Newfoundland.

## New Schooner Sails.

The new schooner, Leonora Silveria, sailed on her maiden trip this forenoon, haddocking. The craft presented a gay appearance with her flags and colors flying and she was royally saluted as she sailed out of the harbor.

## Baited at Edgartown.

Sch. Rena A. Percy baited and sailed from Edgartown, Sunday, for halibut-ing.

## Vigorous When Columbus Came.

There were several arrivals recently at the Public Aquarium at New York. Foremost is a huge fresh water terrapin, the name of which has not yet been definitely determined. It is more than a foot long, and a visitor who has had considerable knowledge of turtles declares that it is at least 5000 years old, in which case it must have been a vigorous infant of about 80 when Columbus discovered America. It is a handsome member of its family, having reddish brown marks on its shell, and many lemon lines on its black head and throat.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gossip arrived at Arichat, C. B., Saturday last and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Leverna, Elmer E. Gray, and Fannie Belle Atwood passed Mulgrave bound north, Saturday last.

Schs. Juno and Ingomar, sailed from Canso, Saturday last for Magdalen islands.

Schs. Lillian, Titania and Mildred D. Robinson were at Liverpool Saturday last and cleared for fishing.

## Brought Down Some Fish.

Sch. Teazer which disposed of her halibut fare in Boston, Monday, brought down 14,000 pounds of salt fish and 30,000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday, which sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

## Another Yacht Gill Netter.

The 65-foot steam yacht Nashawena, well known on the Maine coast, has just been sold to Jeremiah Campbell of Boston and will be converted into a gill net fisherman.

## Sch. Onato In Leaking.

The sch. Onato bound to Magdalen Islands, put into Hawkesbury, C. B., to repair a leak, and was hauled out upon the marine railways at that place.

## Made Good Stock.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsy stocked \$2,255.80 as the result of her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew's share being \$48.89 to a man.

## Will Go Seining.

Sch. Lizzit M. Stanley has abandoned the haddock fishery and will now fit for Cape Shore seining under command of Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.

## New Fish Concern.

At Portland, Me., the International Trading Company has been incorporated to preserve, sell, buy, trade and deal in fish products and merchandise of all kinds. The capital stock is \$75,000. The officers are: President, C. E. Eaton; treasurer, T. L. Croteau, both of Portland.

## Capt. Morrissey Found Fish.

Sch. Premier with 142,000 pounds of salt cod arrived at Louisburg, C. B., May 2.

## DID NOT TAKE OFF HATCHES.

## SEVERAL OF FLEET AT BOSTON WILL BRING FARES DOWN HERE TO SPLIT.

A total of 11 arrivals with approximately 550,000 pounds of fresh fish was reported at T wharf, Boston this morning, but trade remained dull, and consequently there was no hustle among the crafts to get their fish out.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe had 92,000 pounds, the largest trip of the morning. Other good fares are schs. Alice M. Guthrie, 55,000 pounds; Speculator, 46,000 pounds; Matthew S. Greer, 32,000 pounds. The steam trawlers Ripple, Foam and Swell are in, with 43,000 pounds, 40,000 pounds and 45,000 pounds each. The Greer did not take off her covers, but will come here to split, as will probably some of the others.

Haddock was quoted at \$1.50 for shore fish, and \$3.50 for off shore. Large cod sold at \$2.25 to \$3, market cod, \$2.25, pollock \$1.50 and halibut, 10 cents a pound right through.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 74,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 60,000 hake, 4500 halibut.

Sch. Speculator, 30,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Aspinet, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 20,000 cod, 50,000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Str. Ripple, 41,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Str. Foam, 21,000 haddock, 1900 cod.

Str. Swell, 42,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$2.25; pollock, \$1.50; halibut, 10c for white and gray.

## Porto Rico Fish Notes.

Arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports of Porto Rico for the week ending April 23, per market letter of S. Ramirez & Co., were: 458 tcs. and 19 drs. codfish, 353 bds. bloaters and smoked fish, 204 tcs. dry fish, 10 tcs. haddock.

Demand is rather quiet and the market is weak and declining, as holders are anxious to keep their supplies moving and are willing to make the necessary concessions in price in order to attain their object.

Pollock and haddock. There is a light inquiry for pollock, but hardly any for haddock, unless at very low figures.

We quote on usual net ex-wharf basis about as follows. Codfish, \$6.75 to \$7 per 100 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$3.75 to \$4.

## Pensacola Fish Notes.

Smack receipts at Pensacola last week were as follows: For the E. E. Saunders & Co.: Caviare, 14,000 lbs. red snappers, 3000 lbs. groupers; Ida M. Silva, 19,000 lbs. red snappers, 2000 lbs. groupers; Alciva, 19,000 lbs. red snappers, 28,000 lbs. grouper; Ruth A. Welles, 16,000 lbs. red snappers, 4000 lbs. grouper; Cavalier, 15,000 lbs. red snappers, 5000 lbs. grouper; Louis Harper, 19,000 lbs. red snappers, 6000 lbs. grouper. For the Warren Fish Co.: Nalzan, 7500 lbs. red snappers; Culibra, 20,000 lbs. red snappers; Minilo, 18,000 lbs. red snappers, 4000 lbs. grouper; E. H. Colt, 19,500 lbs. red snappers, 2000 lbs. grouper; Isabel, 9000 lbs. red snappers; Galatea, 9000 lbs. red snappers; Emma Jean, 6000 lbs. red snappers.

## Provincial Shad Fishery Dwindling.

The shad fishery of the Maritime Provinces is dwindling away to very small proportions. Some idea of the falling off in catch may be had when it is stated that the quantity caught has declined from 10,036 barrels in 1903 to 5242 barrels in 1910. The fishery is confined to the Bay of Fundy and its tributary waters. The chief causes of the decline are the catching of the fish when they go up the rivers in the spring to spawn, and the lack of fishways in dams on streams flowing into the Bay—a circumstance which prevents the fish going up into fresh water to deposit their spawn. The catching of the spawning shad is the more indefensible because, when the fish are ready for spawning, their flesh is foul and unfit for human consumption.

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The crew of the French fishing schooner Marie L., St. Pierre, Miquelon, were brought in there yesterday on board the Burin, N. F., sch. Victoria, and reported that the Marie L. sprang a leak and sank off St. Peter's bank Monday. All the 21 members of the crew were saved.

The Marie L. was formerly the sch. Annie M. Jordan of this port. She was 67 tons register, and was built at Essex, Mass., in 1884. She was owned by Landry Freres of Bordeaux and St. Pierre.

## Capt Sol. at Portland.

Capt. Sol. Jacobs, the veteran mackerel killer, was in port yesterday coming in command of the fishing steamer R. J. Killick, which is rigged for seining, and will be employed in catching herring, pollock or anything that can be gathered in, although later in the season when the mackerel come further north, especial attention will be paid to that branch of fishing. The Killick measures 62 feet in length and was formerly owned at Eastport, where she was built in 1899, and has been engaged for years in the herring business. Her owners, the Sea Coast Canning Co., having recently sold her to parties in Massachusetts, who put Capt. Jacobs in charge. A better selection could not be made, for although not as young as when in the palmy days of the mackerel fishery, he was almost invariably the first to strike fish at the opening of the spring season in southern waters, none of the skippers are better acquainted with all the ins and outs of the business. In common with most of the fishing experts, Capt. Sol believes that this is going to be a mackerel year, and he proposes to make up this season for some of the ill luck that has befallen him in recent years. His many friends at this port wish him abundant success in his new venture.—Portland Argus.

## Will Soon Go In Commission.

The new porgie steamer William D. Murray having made a successful trial trip will leave Portland to join the fleet of the Atlantic Oil and Fertilizer Co. at Greenport, L. I. Her duplicate, the Amagansett, is taking on her engines and machinery at the Portland Company, and will probably be ready for her trial trip in about a fortnight. A third one of the Atlantic steamers is also lying at the Portland Company's wharf, the Alaska, which is taking on a new boiler and smok-stack in addition to undergoing a general overhauling.

## Whistler off Orleans.

Official notice has been issued of the establishment by the lighthouse department of a combination gas and whistling buoy off Orleans, in compliance with the request of shipping interests in this city. The buoy will be known as Orleans gas and whistling buoy No. 4 and will be established about June 25 3-4 miles east of Orleans Life-saving Station. It will be conical, with a pyramidal, skeleton superstructure, and will show a flashing white light of 310 candlepower, the flash being two seconds and the eclipses of six seconds duration.

## Mackerel News.

Atlantic City yesterday reported the arrival of a fleet of 15 small netters, which between them landed 2200 fish. The netters with the biggest catches were the Bertha, with 400 fish; the Priscilla II., with 400; the Two Sisters, with 200; the Alert, with 200; the Sarah Smith, with 150; the Uncle Sam, with 150, and the Priscilla with 160.

## Good Stock.

Capt. Fred Thompson of sch. Governor Foss is keeping up his fine record which has followed him for several years. On his recent Georges halibut trip he secured a fine stock of \$2700, while his crew shared \$57 each clear. The time absent was but 18 days.

## Cutting Prices.

Policemen in Cleveland interfered Wednesday and compelled S. Beck, a fish dealer of Woodland avenue, to stop selling fish for three and four cents a pound on the street in opposition to Maurice Earnstein, a salesman for the Municipal Fish Co., who was selling for 5 cents a pound from a wagon at Woodland avenue and East 29th street. This move was the result of strong competition brought by the small fish dealers Tuesday with the Municipal Fish company.



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# PRETTY QUIET IN FISH CIRCLES.

TWO FARES DOWN FROM BOSTON TO SPLIT, GILL NETTERS HAD 60,000 POUNDS.

It was pretty quiet here in fish circles this morning, only two arrivals being here since yesterday's report. The new sch. Mary brought down from Boston about 100,000 pounds of fish, the major part of her trip left over from yesterday, and sold to split. The other fare was that of sch. Washakie with about 70,000 weight which also went to the splitters. The gill netters picked up a little yesterday about 120 boxes or 60,000 pounds being landed in all. The largest trip reported was that of steamer Geisha, who weighed out about 11,000 pounds.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**  
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
Sch. Mary, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Washakie, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Olsen, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hope, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Vessels Sailed.**  
Sch. Rex, Cape North, shacking.  
Sch. Arethusa, Cape North, shacking.  
Sch. Harriet, haddocking.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.  
Sch. Buema, Boston.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET**  
**Salt Fish.**  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.75, mediums, \$3.25; snappers, \$2.25.  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.87 1-2; mediums, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large \$4.12 1-2; mediums, \$3.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
**Fresh Fish.**  
Haddock, 70 cents per cwt.  
Peak cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75 cents.  
All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, 90 cts.  
Cusk, large, \$1.40; medium, \$1.10, snappers, 60 cts.  
Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.  
Bank halibut, 8c per lb. for white, and 6c for gray.

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**Fitting for Seining.**  
Sch. Nellie Dixon is fitting for mackerel netting under command of Capt. James Ellis.

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**Fishing Fleet Movements.**  
Sch. Massachusetts, arrived at Can-so, Tuesday last and cleared for fishing.  
Sch. Elsie arrived at Shelburne Tuesday last and cleared.  
Sch. William Mattheson from Mag-dalen islands with a full cargo of herring for Eastport arrived at Hawkesbury, C. B., Tuesday last.  
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last and cleared.  
The new sch. Imperator, Capt. Free-man Decker, which left here May 3, on a Cape North shacking trip, was at Yarmouth Saturday.  
**Halibut Sale.**  
The halibut fare of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 10 cents a pound for white and 7 cents a pound for gray.

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# OFF SHORE PRICES STILL WAY DOWN.

AND FISH TRADE CONTINUES VERY DULL WITH T WHARF DEALERS.

Prices on off shore fish are still way down at T wharf, Boston, and even at that the trade in fresh fish is not extensive, notwithstanding that the demand for Thursday and Friday is generally good:  
Five of the off shore fleet are at Boston since yesterday's report, and six from the shore. Sch. Mary DeCosta, Regina, Mary F. Sears and Mary in from Brown's has 82,000 pounds, sch. Regina 70,000 pounds, sch. Mary F. Sears, 60,000 pounds and sch. Mary P. Goulart, 74,000 pounds. The steam trawler Crest is also at the dock with 71,000 pounds.  
Off shore haddock was down to \$1.10 a hundred, while shore fish sold at \$3.50. Large cod brought only \$2.25 and \$2.50, while market cod sold at \$1.50 to \$1.75, and pollock, 85 cents to \$1.10.

**Boston Arrivals.**  
The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Sch. Regina, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary F. Sears, 10,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 62,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod.  
Steamer Crest, 44,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.  
Sch. E. C. Hussey, 1500 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 4500 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.10 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; pollock, 85 cents to \$1.10; halibut, 10 cents for white and gray.

# SAILED ON HER MAIDEN TRIP.

**SCH. A. PIATT ANDREW MADE FINE START ON CAPE NORTH SHACKING TRIP.**  
The new sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, formerly of sch. Valerie, sailed on her maiden voyage for a Cape North shacking trip this morning. The craft presented a picturesque appearance as she sailed out of the harbor, under full sail, and was frequently saluted.  
Capt. Bruce swung her in opposite the beautiful summer home of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury A. Piatt Andrew at Eastern Point, for whom the craft is named, where flags and bunting were flying in honor of the sailing of the schooner, after which she squared off and put to sea.

**Lockport, N. S., Fishing Notes.**  
Messrs. Swim Brothers intend sending the sch. Julie Opp on a mackerel seining cruise this spring. It is many years since this class of fishing has been attempted here, although in old times it was prosecuted quite vigorously. William MacMillan's schooner Springwood is getting ready for a handlining trip to North Bay, in command of Capt. H. K. McMillan. It was thought for a time that the sch. Ella M. Rudolph would likewise go on a bank trip, but she will continue off-shore, selling her fish to the Cold Storage company instead of to Mr. McMillan.  
**Will Bring Load of Codfish.**  
The British steamer Baleine, now on her way to St. John's N. F., with a cargo of coal has been chartered to load a cargo of 220 tons of salt fish at T. & W. Moulton & Co., North Sydney C. B., for Cunningham & Thompson company of this port.  
**Fish Sneezed to Death.**  
Millions of flounders are floating dead on Long Island Sound. The only explanation the veterans can suggest is that the fish came from the mud bottom too early and the cold spell caused an epidemic of grip.

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# FISH ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

FIVE CRAFTS LAND FARES OF HALIBUT, SALT COD AND FRESH FISH.

Three fares of fresh fish, one halibut and one from a Georges handlining trip is the story of the arrivals at this port this morning.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream is in from a Georges halibuting trip, her hall being for 18,000 pounds, besides about 4000 weight of salt fish. From Georges' is sch. Carrie C., with a handlining fare of 22,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 weight of halibut.  
Schs. Clara G. Silva and Rob Roy arrived during the morning from Brown's bank, the former with 110,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish and the latter with 60,000 pounds.  
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell is down from Boston with about 45,000 pounds of fresh fish left over from yesterday.  
None of the gill netters were out yesterday, consequently there was no landings by the fleet.  
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Sch. Rob Roy, Brown's Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
**Vessels Sailed.**  
Sch. Moocanam, halibuting.  
Sch. Yakima, halibuting.  
Sch. Washakie, Boston.  
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, new, Cape North shacking.

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# WHALE LIVES THE LONGEST.

Undoubtedly the longest-lived animal on earth is the whale, its span of existence being estimated by Cuvier at 1,000 years. The next largest animal, the elephant, will, under favorable conditions, live 400 years.  
When Alexander the Great conquered Porus, King of India, he took a great elephant that had fought gallantly for the defeated King, named him Ajax, dedicated him to the sun, placed upon him a metal band with the inscription, "Alexander, the son of Jupiter, dedicated Ajax to the sun." The elephant was found alive 350 years later.  
The average age of cats is 15 years; of squirrels, seven or eight years; of rabbits, seven; a bear rarely exceeds 20 years; a wolf, 20; a fox, 14 to 16. Lions are comparatively long-lived, instances having been recorded where they reach the age of 70 years.  
Pigs have been known to live to the

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age of 20 years and horses to 60, but the average age of a horse is 25 to 30. Camels sometimes live to the age of 100 and stags are very long-lived, one having been taken by Charles VI. in the forest of Senlis which bore about its neck a collar on which was engraved, "Caesar hoc mihi donavit."  
Whether or not this stag had actually lived since the days of one of the Caesars it is impossible to say, but the evidence seems good.  
Eagles occasionally and ravens frequently reach the age of 100 years and swans have been known to live 300 years. A tortoise has been known to live 107 years.

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**PORPOISE OIL FACTORY.**  
**One Established Below Cape Hatteras and Sells its Product to Jewelers.**  
The only porpoise oil factory on the Atlantic coast is established about six miles below Cape Hatteras and near Hatteras Inlet says the New York World. Along this coast porpoises are plentiful through about six months of the year, and there are three crews of fishermen who make a business of catching them for the oil factory.  
For the reason that porpoises are easily frightened the fishermen must be wary and quiet who would meet with success. The method employed is to impound a school in a wide-meshed net first and then to take them with a sweep net of much finer mesh.  
The porpoises are five to ten feet in length, big and powerful. They are skinned for their hides and the blubber is removed. The hides are salted down and sent to a tannery in New Jersey to be tanned and made into leather. Porpoise hide is used for shoestrings, pocketbooks and traveling bags or suitcases.  
The oil from the blubber is tried out at the factory on the beach and then sent to New Bedford for refining.  
The valuable head oil, the famous porpoise oil that is used for oiling watches and other delicate machinery is obtained from the marrow of the porpoise's lower jawbone and from a small quantity of blubber found between the snout and the blowhole. In making the oil this blubber and the marrow are mixed.  
The production of this oil may range from half a pint to a quart from one porpoise. Refined porpoise oil for jewelers' use is worth from \$900 to \$1200 a barrel.  
The body oil obtained from a porpoise amounts ordinarily to 13 or 14 gallons. This is used for various purposes and brings far less than the head oil. The carcasses are made into fertilizer.

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**HAZEN IN WASHINGTON.**  
**Canadian Minister Will Confer On Beam Trawling.**  
Hon. J. D. Hazen, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries who is at Washington to confer on several points, relative to the fisheries regulations on the gulf coast, arising from the Hague award, will also confer with the authorities on the proposed beam trawling legislation as suggested in the Gardner bill.  
In Canada, the sentiment against the beam trawling is overwhelming and action that will prohibit beam trawling entirely is anticipated.

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**SALMON FISHING BEGINS.**  
**Season on Columbia Promises to Be One of Greatest Ever.**  
The spring salmon fishing season has opened at Astoria, and promises to be one of the greatest fishing seasons in the history of the industry on the Columbia river. Almost 25 per cent. more gear will be placed in the water by the fishermen of Astoria than any previous season, most of them using both large and small mesh gear. The increase on the Washington side is proportionately large and the trappers and seiners are also putting in much additional gear.  
The price of fish set by the fishermen's union is 6 1-2 cents a pound for small and 7 1-2 cents a pound for large fish. This is an increase of 1-2 cent a pound on the small fish over last season.